

Fort Bend Children's Advocacy Center

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Mission Statement:	The mission of the Fort Bend Children's Advocacy Center is to lessen the emotional trauma to child victims by coordinating the multidisciplinary investigation, assessment, prosecution, and treatment of sexual and serious physical abuse.
Operational Since:	1996
Annual CAC Budget:	\$500,000 - 999,999
Service Area:	Single County
County(ies) Served:	Fort Bend
Community Characteristics:	Mixed
CAC Model:	Umbrella Agency
Case Criteria:	Sexual Abuse Physical Abuse Child Witness Child at Risk Sexual and Physical Abuse
Ages of Children Served:	0 to 17
Average Number of Children Receiving First Time Core CAC Services Each Month:	65
Interagency Partners:	Arcola Police Department Fort Bend County Fort Bend County Child Advocates Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department Fort Bend Independent School District Police Department Houston Police Department Katy ISD Police Department Katy Police Department Meadows Place Police Department Missouri City Police Department Needville Police Department Packwood Psychotherapy Richmond Police Department Rosenberg Police Department Stafford Police Department Sugar Land Police Department Texas Department of Family and Protective Services University of Texas Medical School
Interagency Partners Housed On Site:	Yes
Core Program Components/Services:	Cases Reviewed by MDT Forensic Interviews Off Site Mental Health Services Off Site Sexual Assault Exams On Site Mental Health Services Volunteer Program
Additional Services Provided:	Assistance With Completion Of CVC Application Court Accompaniment Court School/Trial Preparation Information Regarding Client's Case, Services Available, Criminal/Civil Justice System Medical/Hospital Accompaniment Rainbow Room-type Services Referral for and/or Coordination of Other Social/Family Services Community Education Crisis Intervention Case Management/Tracking Team Coordination Agency Education

Center Staff Positions and Time Staffed:	Program Director (fte) Forensic Interviewer/Children's Services Coordinator (fte) Program Assistant (fte) Therapist (2 fte) Forensic Interviewer (fte) Children's Services Coordinator (fte) Court Advocate (fte)
Facility Information:	Square footage: 18,000. CAC is housed with CASA program in a facility completed in July 2007.
Funding Sources:	CACTX Swalm Grant CDBG County Government Foundations NCA Special Events VOCA Private Donations